

1                           REMARKS

2                           Claims 1, 8, 13, 21, 28, 33, 38, 40, 44, 57, 63, 67 and 70 have been  
3 amended. Claims 9, 10, 11, 12, 68 and 69 have been canceled. Claims 1-8, 13-67  
4 and 70-75 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following  
5 remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the  
6 subject application

7                           Examiner Interview

8                           Applicant thanks the Examiner for the time spent on the phone discussing  
9 U.S. Patent No. 6,714,216 to Abe, over which all of the claims are rejected under  
10 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In view of the discussion with the Examiner, Applicant has  
11 amended its claims, as indicated above, to clarify its subject matter over Abe.

12                           Applicant is making these amendments to advance prosecution and  
13 expressly reserves its right to further file continuation applications to pursue  
14 subject matter that Applicant believes it is due in view of the cited art.

15                           As indicated in the interview, the Examiner noted that these amendments  
16 would distinguish Abe, but that the Examiner would need to do an updated search.

17                           Conclusion

18                           Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. In the  
19 event the next action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of  
20 Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of  
21 scheduling an interview.

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